# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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SHORTFALL IN OILSEEDS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the shortfall in oilseeds during 2003-2004 will be about 6 million tonnes;

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to start a crash programme to encourage farmers to switch over to oilseeds production in the coming year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to meet this shortfall;

(d) whether any funds will be given to State Governments to implement a crash plan to raise oilseeds production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The crop sowing season for the year 2003-04 is yet to commence and the production of oilseeds depends upon the vagaries of weather. As such it is not possible to make any assessment about the shortfall in the production of oilseeds at this stage.

(b) & (c): As a part of National Policy for Agriculture, the Govt. has been emphasizing cropdiversification in favour of oilseeds and the Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being continued during the Tenth Five Year Plan also.

(d) & (e): In order to increase the production of oilseeds in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP) is under implementation in 28 States covering 408 selected districts. An amount of Rs.93.00 crores has been allocated in the year 2003-04 under this programme including fund transfers to States as per their assessed requirement commensurate with the availability of funds.